



City of St. Charles  
I L L I N O I S

# Proclamation

## VETERANS' DAY

**WHEREAS,** Veterans Day is a holiday set aside to honor the men and women who served our nation with honor - each one of them earned the right to be called "veteran" by their sacrifice and devotion to duty in some of the darkest hours our nation has known; and

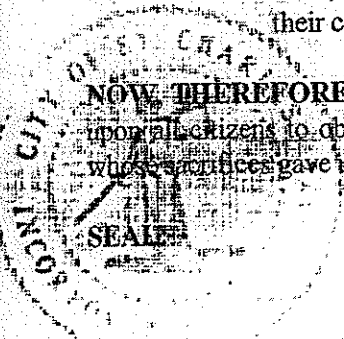
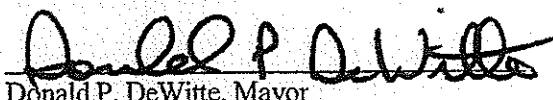
**WHEREAS,** Veterans have been obligated to drop their own affairs and take up the burden of the nation, subjecting themselves to the mental and physical hazards as well as the economic and family detriments which are peculiar to military service and which do not exist in normal civilian life; and

**WHEREAS,** America is what it is today in a large part because of its Veterans; millions of fine, brave men and women have served in our country's armed forces and hundreds of thousands of them have given their lives to protect and defend our freedoms, our way of life, and preserve what this country stands for; and

**WHEREAS,** No, we do not memorialize war, but we memorialize and honor all those who have gone to war for our country, and especially those who did not come home and that includes those who are still listed as prisoners of war or missing in action from ANY conflict; and

**WHEREAS,** We owe all of America's Veterans a renewed promise - we must promise to be proud of them, to support them, and that we will never forget what they gave of themselves for their country and for us.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Donald P. DeWitte, Mayor of the City of St. Charles, Illinois do hereby call upon all citizens to observe **VETERANS' DAY** on November 11, 2011 in honor of those Veterans whose sacrifices gave us this nation free for each of us.

  
  
Donald P. DeWitte, Mayor